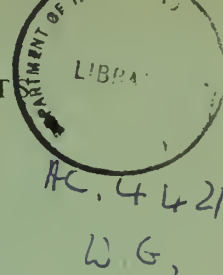


EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICT



ANNUAL REPORT

of the health of

THE

BOROUGH OF HERTFORD



1972

Report presented by

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Borough of Hertford

Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1972

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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICTSREPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTHFOR THE YEAR 1972BOROUGH OF HERTFORDPREFACE

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Hertford

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health of the Borough of Hertford for the year 1972.

In general terms, the health in the area is good - as evidenced by notification of very few incidents of communicable disease and by a death rate that is considerable lower than the National Average.

Annual Reports cannot be written until the National and Regional figures are available. These do not usually become available until May in any year. My post as M.O.H. terminates in April 1974, so I think it is likely that this will be the last Report I write for you as M.O.H.

I am not sure if the "proper officer" who is to be your future medical adviser will write Annual Reports. I know that some people feel these reports are a waste of time to read and a waste of money to produce. Nevertheless, I think the principle of an Annual Medical Audit of the health of an area is worth continuing. There are increasing pressures from population, threats of pollution and modern air traffic can transfer ill-health from one part of the planet to another very rapidly. There are virtually no boundaries, so I think a yearly summary by a trained, unbiased observer is a useful measurement.

I wish to thank Mr. Peck and his staff for their help and advice in 1972 - and finally I should like to mention that I have enjoyed being M.O.H. in this area.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN. V. EARLE.

Medical Officer of Health

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DEPUTY DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH - On 1st May, 1972

Dr. E.C. Howarth. M.B., B.S., D.P.H., was appointed as Deputy Divisional Medical Officer.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Public Health and Town Planning Committee for the Session 1972/73 comprised the following Members:-

Councillor G.H. Stoten	(Chairman)
Alderman J.J. Forrester	(Vice-Chairman)
His Worship The Mayor	Alderman A.W. Bentley
Alderman H.E. Gilby, J.P. F.L. Patmore, Councillors H.P. Mills, J.P. C.R. Nesbitt-Larking, Mrs. B.E. Robinson, and D.E. Starr.	

GENERAL STATISTICS 1972

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1971 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population - Borough of Hertford

21,060 (20,770)

Natural increase or decrease	+	157	(+ 190)
Migration in or out	+	134	(+ 1,270)
Total increase or decrease	+	291	(+ 1,460)

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres 3,882

Number of inhabited Dwellings according to Rate Books
(from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis -
as at 1st April 1972

7,086

Number of Dwellings per acre	1.8	(1.8)
Number of Persons per acre	5.4	(5.4)
Number of Persons per Dwelling	3.0	(3.0)

<u>Rateable Value of District</u>	(1. 4, 1972)	£ 1,351,532
	(31. 3. 1973)	£ 1,369,859

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate

for year to 31st March 1972	£ 13,003
for year to 31st March 1973	£ 13,160



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Borough of Hertford - Population - 1971 Census figures

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Table 1 (con)

(All figures rounded to the nearest 5 as published in the Census 1971 - Hertfordshire Part I Report)

MALES & FEMALES		M A L E S				F E M A L E S				Div- -or- ced	
Age group	Total M and F	Total	Single	Married	Wid- -owed	Div- -or- ced	Total	Single	Married	Wid- -owed	Div- -or- ced
0 - 4	1,800	910	910	-	-	-	885	885	-	-	-
5 - 9	1,735	885	885	-	-	-	850	850	-	-	-
10 - 14	1,490	790	790	-	-	-	700	700	-	-	-
15 - 19	1,410	595	580	15	-	-	820	770	45	-	-
20 - 24	1,740	730	445	290	-	-	1,010	495	515	-	-
25 - 29	1,540	745	155	590	-	5	795	75	715	-	10
30 - 34	1,390	700	55	640	-	5	690	45	635	5	10
35 - 39	1,300	650	45	595	-	10	650	55	575	5	15
40 - 44	1,310	665	55	600	-	10	645	35	590	15	10
45 - 49	1,255	630	35	580	5	10	625	55	530	25	15
50 - 54	1,105	520	30	475	10	-	580	50	485	35	10
55 - 59	1,130	530	30	480	15	5	600	70	445	75	10
60 - 64	950	445	35	375	30	5	505	75	325	95	10
65 - 69	825	355	20	305	30	-	470	50	265	150	5
70 - 74	590	230	10	175	45	-	360	55	145	155	5
75 - 79	400	140	10	95	35	-	260	40	60	155	5
80 - 84	255	70	5	40	25	-	185	35	35	120	-
85 - 89	100	25	-	10	15	-	75	10	5	60	-
90 - 94	30	10	-	5	5	-	20	5	5	15	-
95 & over	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-
All	20,360	9,630	4,100	5,265	215	50	10,735	4,345	5,380	910	100

VITAL STATISTICS

(Table 2)

		Borough of Hertford			England & Wales
		Males	Females	Total	
ESTIMATED MID-YEAR POPULATION				21,060	49,028,900
LIVE BIRTHS	Total	165	147	312	725,405
	Legitimate	159	139	298	662,907
	Illegitimate	6	8	14	62,498
STILLBIRTHS	Total	4	2	6	8,794
	Legitimate	4	2	6	7,846
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	948
TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS	Total	169	149	318	734,199
	Legitimate	163	141	304	670,753
	Illegitimate	6	8	14	63,446
DEATHS OF INFANTS					
Under 1 year of age;	Total	2	1	3	12,494
of age	Legitimate	2	1	3	11,177
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	1,317
Under 4 weeks of age;	Total	1	1	2	8,373
of age	Legitimate	1	1	2	7,503
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	870
Under 1 week of age;	Total	1	-	1	7,142
	Legitimate	1	-	1	6,365
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	777
DEATHS - ALL AGES		87	68	155	591,907
Maternal Mortality			-	-	

Vital Statistics (Table 2 con.)

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	Hertford Borough	Hertford County	England & Wales
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LIVE BIRTH RATES, etc.

Live-births per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	14.8	14.3	14.8
Area comparability factor	0.82	0.98	1.0
Local adjusted rate	12.1	14.0	14.8
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	0.82	0.95	1.0
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	4.0	5.6	9.0

<u>STILLBIRTH RATE</u> - Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	19	11.8	12
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INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	10	13.4	17
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	10	12.8	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	22.4	21
Neonatal mortality rate - Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	6	9.1	12
Early neonatal mortality rate - Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	3	8.0	10
Perinatal mortality rate - Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	22	19.6	22

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE

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DEATH RATES, etc. -

Deaths per 1,000 home population (Crude rate)	7.4	9.5	12.1
Area comparability factor	1.26	1.11	1.0
Local adjusted rate	9.3	10.5	12.1
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	0.77	0.87	1.0

Vital Statistics - Comparison of figures for 1972 with those of the previous four years

	1968	1969	1970	1971	Average 1968/71	1972
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>						
Legitimate Male	178	189	152	178	174	159
Female	156	149	174	144	156	139
Illegitimate Male	9	14	5	5	8	6
Female	8	18	6	10	11	8
	<u>351</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>349</u>	<u>312</u>
Live Birth Rate	18.40	19.3	17.5	16.2	17.85	14.8
Area Comp. Factor	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.82
Local adjusted Rate	18.04	18.7	17.0	15.7	17.36	12.1
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>						
Total Still Births	5	2	3	1	3	6
Still Birth Rate	14.04	5.38	8.82	3	7.81	19
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>						
Under one week	1	3	3	0	2	1
2nd to 4th week	1	1	0	1	1	1
4 weeks to 1 year	3	0	0	0	1	1
Inf. Mortality Rate	14.25	10.81	8.9	3	9.24	10
<u>MATERNAL DEATHS</u>						
	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>DEATHS (all)</u>						
Males	100	104	86	83	93	87
Females	<u>87</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>68</u>
	187	184	179	147	174	155
Death Rate	9.80	9.6	9.3	7.1	8.95	7.4
Area Comp. Factor	1.08	1.03	1.11	1.11	1.08	1.26
Local adjusted Rate	10.58	9.9	10.3	7.9	9.67	9.3
<u>POPULATION</u>						
Natural increase or decrease						
Males	+ 87	+ 99	+ 71	+ 100	+ 89	+ 78
Females	+ <u>77</u>	+ <u>87</u>	+ <u>87</u>	+ <u>90</u>	+ <u>86</u>	+ <u>79</u>
	+ 164	+ 186	+ 158	+ 190	+ 175	+ 157
Migration (in - out)	+ 256	- 86	- 28	+ 1,270	+ 353	+ 134
Total difference	+ 420	+ 100	+ 130	+ 1,460	+ 528	+ 291
ESTIMATED MID-YEAR POPULATION	19,080	19,180	19,310	20,770		21,060

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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(Table 3)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) notified during the Year

	Total all ages	Under 1 Year	Age Group in Years				Over 65	Age un- known.
			1-	5-	15-	25-		
Measles	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	4	-	1	-	-	3	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

		<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
<u>Cases on Register at Beginning of Year</u> (Cases per 1,000 population 1971 = 3.75)		78	
	Males	42	5
	Females	25	6
<u>Cases added to Register during 1972</u>		-	
New Cases	Males & Females	-	-
Inward Transfer	Males & Females	-	-
<u>Cases removed from Register during 1972</u>		7	
Recovered	Males	1	-
	Females	2	-
Died (from other causes)	Males	2	-
Outward Transfers	Males	1	-
	Females	-	1
<u>Cases remaining on Register at end of Year</u> (Cases per 1,000 population 1972 = 3.37)		71	
	Males	38	5
	Females	23	5
<u>Attack Rate per 1,000 population</u> <u>Cases notified(Hertford) - nil.</u>		<u>Hertford</u> <u>Borough</u>	<u>Hertford</u> <u>County</u>
Pulmonary	(0)	0	0.118
Non-Pulmonary	(0)	0	0.029
Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary		0	0.147

**CAUSES OF DEATH at different
periods of life during 1972**

	SEX	TOTAL ALL AGES	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1- 5-	15- 25-	35- 45-	55- 65-	75 & over
B 17 SYPHILIS AND ITS SEQUELAE	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 19 (2) MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, OESOPHAGUS	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
(3) STOMACH	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
(4) INTESTINE	M F	2 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- 1	1 1
(6) LUNG, BRONCHUS	M F	11 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	4 3	- 2	4 2
(7) BREAST	F	5	-	-	-	2	1	-	2
(9) PROSTATE	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
(10) LEUKAEMIA	F	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
(11) OTHER MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS	M F	7 2	- -	- -	1 -	2 1	1 1	1 -	1 1
B 20 BENIGN AND UNSPECIFIED NEOPLASMS	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
B 21 DIABETES MELLITUS	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
B 46 (1) OTHER ENDOCRINE Etc. DISEASES	F	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
B 46 (5) OTHER DISEASES OF NERVOUS SYSTEM	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- 1
B 27 HYPERTENSIVE DISEASE	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 28 ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE	M F	28 12	- -	- -	- -	- -	11 -	11 5	6 7
B 29 OTHER FORMS OF HEART DISEASE	M F	5 5	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- 1	2 -	2 3

CAUSES OF DEATH at different periods of life during 1972 (con.)		SEX	TOTAL ALL AGES	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1-5-	5-15-	15-25-	25-35-	35-45-	45-55-	55-65-	65-75 & over
B B 30	CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE	M F	7 12	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	1 5	4 7
B B 46 (6)	OTHER DISEASES OF CIRCULATORY SYSTEM	M F	4 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	2 1	1 3
B B 32	PNEUMONIA	M F	2 7	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- 1	2 5
B B 33 (1)	BRONCHITIS AND EMPHYSEMA	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
B B 46 (7)	OTHER DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1
B B 46 (8)	OTHER DISEASES OF DIGESTIVE SYSTEM	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
B B 38	NEPHRITIS AND NEPHROSIS	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -
B B 46 (9)	OTHER DISEASES, GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	1 -
B B 46 (11)	DISEASES OF MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B B 43	BIRTH INJURY, DIFFICULT LABOUR, Etc	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B B 45	SYMPTOMS AND ILL DEFINED CONDITIONS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
BE 47	NOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	M	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
BE 48	ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	M F	3 1	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 1
	<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>	MALES FEMALES	87 68	1 1	1 -	1 -	1 -	- -	- 2	3 7	18 5	27 16	28 37

FEMALE DEATHS - Classified according to ages from 1967 to 1972

	Number and percentage (in brackets) of female deaths						Average 1967 - 1971	1972
	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971			
Under 1 week	4	-	-	3	-		1	-
1 - 3 weeks	-	1 (2.3)	1 (1.3)	-	-		-	1 (1.5)
4 - 51 weeks	-	1	-	-	-		-	-
1 yr - 4 yrs	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	1 (1.1)	1 (1.6)		-	-
25 - 34	-	-	1 (1.3)	-	1 (1.6)		-	-
35 - 44	2 (2.7)	3 (3.5)	-	2 (2.2)	2 (3.1)		2 (2.5)	2 (2.9)
45 - 54	5 (6.8)	3 (3.5)	1 (1.3)	4 (4.3)	5 (7.8)		4 (5.1)	7 (10.3)
55 - 64	11 (15.1)	7 (8.0)	11 (13.7)	12 (12.9)	6 (9.4)		9 (11.4)	5 (7.4)
65 - 74	10 (13.7)	19 (21.8)	19 (23.7)	23 (24.7)	11 (17.2)		17 (21.5)	16 (23.5)
75 and over	41 (56.2)	53 (60.9)	47 (58.7)	48 (51.6)	38 (59.3)		46 (58.2)	37 (54.4)
Total female deaths	73	87	80	93	64		(79)	68

M A L E D E A T H S - Classified according to ages from 1967 to 1972

	Number and percentage (in brackets) of male deaths						Average 1967-1971	1972
	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971			
Under 1 week	1	1	3	-	-	1	1	1
1 - 3 weeks	1 (4.7)	- (3.0)	- (2.9)	-	1 (1.2)	-	- (2.3)	- (2.3)
4 - 51 weeks	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	1
1 yr - 4 yrs	1 (1.6)	1 (1.0)	-	2 (2.3)	-	1	1 (1.1)	-
5 - 14	-	2 (2.0)	1 (1.0)	-	-	1	1 (1.1)	1 (1.2)
15 - 24	1 (1.6)	-	1 (1.0)	2 (2.3)	1 (1.2)	1	1 (1.1)	1 (1.2)
25 - 34	-	3 (3.0)	1 (1.0)	1 (1.2)	2 (2.4)	1	1 (1.1)	-
35 - 44	2 (3.1)	5 (5.0)	3 (2.9)	1 (1.2)	1 (1.2)	2	2 (2.3)	3 (3.4)
45 - 54	5 (7.8)	4 (4.0)	5 (4.8)	5 (5.8)	5 (6.0)	5	5 (5.7)	7 (8.0)
55 - 64	15 (23.4)	22 (22.0)	23 (22.1)	16 (18.6)	18 (21.7)	19	19 (21.6)	18 (20.7)
65 - 74	18 (28.1)	28 (28.0)	38 (36.5)	31 (36.0)	29 (35.0)	29	29 (33.0)	27 (31.0)
75 and over	19 (29.7)	32 (32.0)	29 (27.9)	28 (32.6)	26 (31.3)	27	27 (30.7)	28 (32.2)
Total male deaths	64	100	104	86	83	(88)	87	

GENERAL STATISTICS

The Estimated 1972 mid-year population for the Borough of Hertford was 21,060. This suggests an increase of 291 people over the estimated 1971 population figures of 20,770. There is a natural increase (excess of births over deaths) of 157, and a suggested immigration of 134. The 1971 Census figure of population for the Borough was 20,362.

VITAL STATISTICS

There were 312 live births, 25 less than for 1971. The rate is 14.8 per thousand of the local population, this rate being exactly the same as for England and Wales.

The rate of infant deaths, Early neonatal (under one week), Neonatal (under 4 weeks) and deaths of infants under one year of age were all well below the national average.

1972 was the occasional year when there was quite a increase in the number of Still Births, there being 6 instead of a usual 1,2, or 3. These 6 Stillbirths brought the local stillbirths rate above the national average. The Stillbirths were due to natural causes. There were no causes that could have been prevented.

Because of this abnormal number of stillbirths, the Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths) rose to 22, exactly the same as that for England and Wales.

There were 155 deaths, slightly below the average of the past few years. For the sixth year in succession there were no maternal deaths.

CAUSES OF DEATH

Of the 155 deaths in the district, 65 occurred over the age of 75 and a further 43 occurred between 65 and 75.

Among younger people, 11 died due to heart disease between the ages of 55 and 65.

Lung cancer killed 4 people under 65 and 9 older people. Four young people and 2 old people died due to accidents.

Very little communicable disease was notified during the year under review.

It is not generally realised that the group of venereal diseases are one of the commonest communicable diseases in modern society. Local figures, when available, are almost always incorrect due to patients being treated outside their home area.

As an attempt to get patients to go for a check up ~~if~~ in doubt, a telephone answering machine (Hoddesdon 66151) was installed in Hoddesdon in 1973. This quotes the time of clinics at Bishop's Stortford Hospital.

VACCINATION FOR TRAVELLERS

A valid certificate of vaccination can only be issued after a first vaccination is seen to have "taken" i.e. 8 days after successful vaccination. A valid certificate can be issued immediately after re-vaccination.

The lack of a valid certificate may involve a traveller in personal or financial difficulties.

TUBERCULOSIS

The numbers on the Register were 7 less at the end of the year - 3 recovered, 2 died from other causes, and 2 left the district.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951

No official action was required under these Acts during 1972.

FOOD HYGIENE

No outbreaks or individual cases of food poisoning were reported.

LONG STAY IMMIGRANTS

Very few long-stay immigrants are notified as coming into the Hertford area. They are visited routinely as far as they are known, and advised to register with a local doctor.

Immigrants who are already in the country can move from one area to another. In this event, the "receiving authority" is not notified - and only routine inspection of food premises can tell if a new immigrant has become a local food handler.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR HERTFORD BOROUGH

The County Council is responsible for providing the Maternity and Child Welfare and School Health Service, Health Visiting and Home Nursing. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hertford.

Clinics which serve Hertford Borough

Health Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford

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| Infant Welfare | - | Wednesdays 2 - 4p.m. |
| General Clinic for School Children | - | 3rd Monday in each month. |
| Dental | - | Monday and Friday mornings
Tues., Wed. & Thurs. all day
(Auxiliary - all week)
(Orthodontic - Monday a.m.) |
| Speech Therapy | - | All day Fridays. |
| Chiropody | - | Monday Afternoons. |
| Relaxation Classes - Mother Craft | - | Mondays - 4p.m. |
| | | Applications to Health Centre, Hertford. |
| Cytology Clinic | - | Available to all women.
2nd & 4th Wednesdays in each
month - Telephone mornings
9 - 1, Mrs. Redwood Hertford
3597 |
| Marriage Guidance Council | - | Monday evening by appointment
(ring Welwyn Garden City 25040) |
| Audiology Clinic | - | 2nd Tuesday by appointment. |

Sele Farm Clinic, Hollybush School, Hertford

- | | | |
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| Infant Welfare | - | Fridays 2 - 4p.m. |
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Bengeo Clinic, Bengeo Infants School, Hertford

- | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Infant Welfare | - | Tuesdays 10 - 11.30a.m. |
| Family Planning | - | Every Tuesday evening.
(ring during session time)
(Hertford 5806) |

Mentally Handicapped

The Adult Training Centre for this area is in Pindar Road, Hoddesdon, the Hertford Centre which was in Green Street, Hertford, having been closed. Those attending perform paid work, including the making of guitars.

All parents are advised to take advantage of this service which can be obtained from their family doctors or at Infant Welfare Centres.

The following gives the general recommendations as to times. This is not a rigid time-table. Many Doctors hold slightly differing views, and prematurity or ill-health in a child may mean the schedule has to be altered to meet individual needs.

Approximate Age

6 months	COMBINED diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL)
8 months	COMBINED diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL)
13 months	COMBINED diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL)
15 months	MEASLES Vaccination
School entry	POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL) COMBINED diphtheria and tetanus
13 years	B.C.G. Vaccination against TUBERCULOSIS
13 years +	RUBELLA Vaccination (German Measles) is offered to those girls who have not already had this disease.

As far as the routine immunisation of children is concerned, birth notification of children in the County has been processed by computer, it is possible to send out an appointment for every child to attend a Clinic or the child's own Doctor for immunisations as they become due. This scheme was introduced in East Herts in January 1968.

The routine vaccination of children is no longer recommended. Vaccination of individual children can be performed at the request of a parent.

It must be borne in mind that a traveller entering certain countries must produce a current International Certificate of Vaccination against Smallpox, Yellow Fever and Cholera. International Certificates should be produced from the travel agency when the intending traveller makes his booking.

Vaccination of Adults is done by the patient's own Doctor, who must enter on the Certificate particulars of the vaccine employed. The Doctor's signature must then be authenticated at the local - not County - Health Department, which holds facsimiles of all the signatures of Doctors in the District.

Immunisation against Yellow Fever must be carried out at one of the following Centres, after an appointment is first made by telephone :-

<u>Address:</u>	<u>Tel.No.</u>	<u>Time of Attendance</u>
Yellow Fever Vaccination Service, Hospital for Tropical Diseases, 4, St.Pancras Way, LONDON. N.W.1.	Euston 4411 Ext. 137	Monday to Friday mornings
Yellow Fever Vaccination Service, Medical Dept. Unliver House, Blackfriars, LONDON E.C.4.	Fleet St. 7474 Ext. 2841	Tuesday and Friday 3.45 p.m.
Yellow Fever Vaccination Service, 53, Great Cumberland Place, LONDON W.1.	Ambassador 6456	Monday to Friday 9.30 - 10.30a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 1.30 - 2.30p.m.

Protection against Cholera may be obtained from the traveller's own Doctor and is advisable for persons undertaking journeys in the Middle or Far East. Advice may be obtained from the Embassy or Mission of the country concerned.

Smallpox has an incubation period of 14 days. Protection becomes valid 8 days after vaccination and lasts for three years.

Yellow Fever has an incubation period of 6 days. Protection becomes valid 10 days after immunisation and lasts for ten years.

Cholera has an incubation period of 5 days. Protection becomes valid 6 days after immunisation and lasts for six months.

Typhoid Fever is endemic in some countries and may be contracted by travellers in mediterranean areas. I would here reiterate the advice given in previous Annual Reports that anyone proposing to spend holidays in such regions ought, for their own sakes and for the sake of others, to seek protection from T.A.B. immunisation. In some developing areas of Spain it would appear that housing development may be in danger of outrunning the sewage disposal facilities. T.A.B. immunisation should not be left to the last moment, as the interval between the first and second doses should be at least four weeks and preferable six weeks, because of the delay in building up effective immunity.

SOCIAL SERVICES

With the coming into force of the Local Authority Social Services Act on 1st. April 1971, statutory responsibility for providing services and social work help to the physically handicapped, the elderly, the mentally handicapped and the mentally ill, as well as the responsibility for the child care and family case work service, passed to the newly formed Social Services Department.

EAST HERTS DIVISIONDivisional Social Services Officer

Miss M. Copleston

Mr.A.C.Stutely (from July 1973)

Westfield,

West Street, Hertford

Tel. Hertford 7041

Assistant Divisional Social Services Officer

Mr. H.W. Scott

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Senior Social WorkerHERTFORD Area

- Miss C.E.P. Vickers

1, Queens Road, Hertford.
(Hertford 2294)Senior Social WorkerWARE Area

- Miss J.Kenyon-Rogers

1, Queens Road, Hertford
(Hertford 2294)Senior Social WorkerHODDESDON Area

- Mrs F.A.Simpson

Westfield, West Street,
Hertford (Hertford 7041)Referrals

a) Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. There is usually a Social Worker on duty throughout normal office hours at both the Divisional Office and at the Area Offices to answer queries, accept new referrals etc. In addition there is always a warranted Mental Welfare Officer on call for the whole Division and contact may be made with him through the Divisional Office (Hertford 7041).

b) Out of normal office hours and at weekends, the warranted Mental Welfare Officer may be contacted through Ambulance Control (Hertford 2222). All other requests for help in emergency situations out of office hours such as those arising in connection with children and young persons, should be directed to the warranted Mental Welfare Officer through Ambulance Control and he will put the caller in touch with a more appropriate Social Worker if necessary.

All applications for aids and adaptations to properties occupied by physically handicapped people, all applications for telephone and televisions under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Person's Act 1970 and enquiries connected with Blind Welfare should be made to the Divisional Office - all other requests for help should be made to the Senior Social Worker for the area concerned.

Family Planning

A Family Planning Clinic is held at the Bengoe Infants School on every Tuesday evening of each month - phone Hertford 5806 during sessions time.

Cervical Cytology

This is a useful preventive service. Patients are seen by appointment, normally by a lady doctor.

The clinic takes place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in each month at the Health Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford. Bookings by telephone (Hertford 3597) may be made Monday to Friday mornings between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Home Help Service

In April 1971, the administration of this service passed from the Department of Health and Welfare to the Department of Social Services.

In effect, Mrs. Clements, the Divisional Home Help Organiser is still in charge in this area. She may be contacted through the Health Centre, 27, Bull Plain, Hertford (Telephone Hertford 3232).

Care and After-Care

Equipment can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home. This medical loan service is run by the British Red Cross Society from their premises at the Red Cross Centre, Baker Street, Hertford. (Tel. No. Hertford 4702 - Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Applications for recuperative holidays, if recommended by the Medical Attendant should be made to the County Medical Officer.

Health visitors are state registered nurses, they also hold a certificate as State Certified Midwives. In addition they have had a years training in child development, lectures on welfare, public health and social legislation. Their main function is in the care of mothers and young children but also with school health and the elderly. There are 4 Health Visitors and 2 Assistants in the Borough.

District Nurses can also be attached to family doctor practices. The District Nurse is a State Registered Nurse who has also obtained the Certificate of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing or the National Certificate in District Nursing. She provides for the nursing care of patients in their own homes.

Midwives must hold Part I and Part II of the Certificate of The Central Midwives Board.

Hertford and district has 6 full time and 3 part time District Nurses and Midwives, and one Auxiliary Helper.

Chiropody Service

This is available at reduced costs to handicapped, old people and expectant mothers. Apply to Mr. Parkin, 24 Queens Road, Hertford who will also visit patients at home. Miss Williams attends the Bull Plain Clinic every Monday afternoon, and will also visit the housebound.

Ambulance Service

There is an Ambulance Station at Hertford. Except in an emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner.

OTHER SERVICES

DENTAL SERVICES

There are 8 Dental Surgeons in Hertford. Particulars regarding School Dental Clinics are shown under Clinics.

Hertford Borough is served by 11 Practitioners, of whom 9 work in partnerships. To all these, there are attached Health Visitors, a scheme which has been in operation since 1967. These attachments are proving to be very successful.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hertford is served chiefly by the Hertford County Hospital, but also by the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, and Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow. Occasionally patients are admitted to the Herts and Essex Hospital, Bishops Stortford.

Patients suffering from infectious diseases can be treated either at St. Ann's Tottenham (Tel. No. Stamford Hill 0121) or Highlands Hospital, Wynchmore Hill, London. N.21 (formerly South Lodge Hospital, World's End Lane, London. N.21) (Tel. No. 360 8151).

At Western House Hospital there are now 91 beds available for chronic sick females, the previous allocation of 22 of these beds for Male patients having ceased. Of the total, 47 are for psycho-geratric patients.

LABORATORY SERVICE

Laboratory facilities for the examination of Specimens and Samples are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service Cambridge.

In an emergency, medical specimens can be examined at the Hertford County Hospital.

HERTFORDSHIRE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

The Hertford Office of this Society is at 2 The Wash, (Tel: Hertford 3201).

WOMENS ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The W.R.V.S. County Headquarters Office is situated in the British Red Cross Hertfordshire Head Quarters building in Baker Street, Hertford. (Tel. Hertford 3670).

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

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REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year 1972

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

The planning stage for the development of 11 acres of land adjoining the Council's Bengeo Housing Estate having been undertaken in 1971, contracts for the work were entered into in 1972 and a start made on the roadworks during the September. Phase I of the scheme comprises 37 houses, 23 Old Peoples Flats with Warden accommodation, and two shops with dwelling accommodation over, the foundation works for this new development being commenced in the October of 1972.

The improvement of the 131 pre-war houses on the Corporations Stanstead Road Housing Estate, commenced in 1971, was completed in 1972. A similar type of scheme for the improvement of the 144 pre-war houses on the Bengeo Housing Estate was agreed and the contract completed in 1972, the actual start on the works being on the 1st January 1973.

There has been a decrease in private housing completions, 43 as compared with 88 for 1971 but the number under construction at the end of the year rose to 176, the similar number for 1971 being 165.

HERTFORD BOROUGH - WATER SUPPLIES

Water supplies within the Borough are under the control of the Lee Valley Water Company.

All water supplied within the Borough is obtained from five bore-holes sunk in chalk at Molewood Road, Wadesmill Road (2), Hartham Lane and at Port Hill, all these boreholes being within the Borough boundary. From these boreholes sufficient water can be obtained to meet the needs of the town for many years.

The low level parts of the town are supplied via the reservoir situate at the top of Port Hill, the supply to the higher parts of the town being via Bengeo Tower, though pressure in the mains supplying the high ground to the south is assisted and maintained from the high level reservoir at Hertford Heath (Little Anwell).

Reports on water samples taken during the calendar year 1972 from the Borough supplies by the Lee Valley Water Company were all satisfactory, there being 169 samples for bacteriological examination and 4 for chemical analyses. The samples are obtained at each of the various stages in distribution, from each of the pumping stations, at the water tower, from the reservoirs, and as it reaches the consumer.

PUBLIC HOT BATHS

The public hot baths which are owned and run by the Council are situated at the Bircherley Green Car Park.

The number of baths provided during 1972 was 2,126. Corresponding numbers for previous years are :-

		1965 - 3,070
1971 - 2,108	1968 - 2,175	1964 - 3,770
1970 - 1,344	1967 - 2,349	1963 - 3,885
1969 - 2,185	1966 - 2,743	1962 - 4,324

The continuing decrease is attributed partly to the housing programme, and partly to the provision of baths in existing houses either privately or by means of Improvement Grants. (The non-conforming decreased figure for 1970 was due to the baths being closed for a period of four months whilst the equipment was converted to burn natural gas).

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The activated sludge treatment plant on the Mead Lane Sewage Disposal Works has operated satisfactorily during the year, the average P.H. values for the digestion tanks being maintained at about 7.2. No complaints have been received over the operation of the Works.

The Council have accepted a tender for Phases 1 and 2 of the Contract for the removal of surface and infiltration water from the foul sewer system, and the Consulting Engineers, Mouchel and Partners, are preparing Phase 3 Contract.

Due to an increasing number of complaints and misuse, it has been necessary to discontinue the placing of bulk refuse containers. All rubbish can now be taken to the Sewage Works for disposal.

Disposal of refuse has been to the privately owned tip at Stonyhills, Stapleford, a mile outside the Borough Boundary.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT

In conformity with the above Act, a tip at the Mead Lane Sewage Works for the disposal of bulky materials such as old motor cars, etc., has been used regularly, and assisting considerably the many problems resulting from this type of refuse being deposited in the countryside.

SWIMMING POOL

The Pool, now in its twelfth full season, is proving as popular as ever, and continues to attract people from a very large area. The attendance figures for the last three years were as follows:-

	Swimmers Adults & <u>Children</u>	<u>Spectators</u>	Schools <u>Swimmers</u>	TOTAL Atten- <u>dance</u>
1970 - (25 Apr - 26 Sep)	96,867	11,291	20,128	128,286
1971 - (1 May - 2 Oct)	81,425	10,712	20,292	112,429
1972 - (29 Apr - 30 Sep)	78,452	9,552	18,720	96,724

The swimming pool is 110-ft long and 42-ft wide, and varies in depth from 3' 6" to 9' 10". The pool is provided with two diving spring boards of 3 metre and 1 metre heights, and is illuminated when necessary at evening time by twelve 500 watt tungsten flood lamps mounted on steel columns. The pool contains some 168,000 gallons of water continuously filtered through horizontal type filters, chlorinated and subject to pH control. The water is maintained at a temperature of about 73° F., being carried out by an oil-fired boiler using 200 seconds fuel oil.

The learner's pool introduced in 1965 has continued to prove extremely popular, and has been tiled during the 1971/72 closed season.

Samples of water have been taken regularly from both pools for bacteriological examination with consistently satisfactory reports.

SUMMARY OF VISITS Etc.

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1972Public Health Etc. Acts

Dwelling Houses, Inspections and revisits	204
Sewers and Drains	33
Sanitary Accommodation, fittings etc.	39
Infectious Diseases, Contacts, Long-stay immigrants etc	43

International Certificates of Vaccination Authenticated 579

Verminous Articles, Premises and Disinfestations	4
Disposal of Bedding etc.	5
National Assistance Act (Sections 47 and 50)	8
Licensed Premises, Sanitary Accommodation	10
Music and Dancing Regulations	18
Hairdressers and Barbers	2
Schools, Sanitary Accommodation etc.	3
Observations and visits; Smoke	21
.. .. . Dust or effluvia	12
Offensive and other accumulations	24
Fly and other insect nuisances	52
Keeping of Animals	3
Moveable Dwellings, Caravans	4
Employment Agencies	1
Agricultural Premises	4
Refuse Tips	4
Water Supplies	2
Litter Act, 1958	10
Deposit of Poisonous Waste Act, 1972	31
Noise Abatement Act, 1960	54

Other general public health visits 140

<u>Housing</u> - Inspections and revisits	61
Overcrowding	2

Food Premises and Food Hygiene

Food Premises; - Retail Premises	201
Food preparation premises (Canteens, Kitchens etc.)	38
Bakehouses	19
Food Stalls and Vehicles	32
Registered premises, Section 16; Ice Cream retailers	25
Preserved food premises	10

Miscellaneous and Publicity visits, and visits re control and food handling hygiene	41
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<u>Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act</u>	28
Inspections of Registered Premises	106
Total number of visits of all kinds	132
<u>Rodent Control</u> - Inspections	161
Treatments	65
<u>Factories</u> - Factories and other premises	55
Outworkers	8
<u>Miscellaneous</u> - Consumer Protection Act	2
Fabrics (Misdescriptions) Act	1
Road Traffic Act, 1956	3
Pet Animals Act	7
Animal Boarding Establishments Act	25
Rag Flock etc. Act	2
Theatres Act, 1968	7
<u>Miscellaneous Visits and Inspections</u>	81
<u>Complaints</u> received during the year	138

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Infectious Diseases and general preventive and health measures

As will be seen from the notification table of Infectious Diseases, hardly any visits are now required to be made in connection with this aspect of the Health Department's work. With the increased foreign travel by local residents for holiday and business purposes however, more time is required to be spent on visits of investigation now required to be made in the follow-up of information received regarding returning local residents or travellers with a Hertford destination who have been in contact with or have travelled through areas where cases of Typhoid, Dysentery, etc., have occurred. Specimen reports received from the Public Health Laboratories in each of these cases were all fortunately negative.

This increase in travel is also reflected in the number of Notifications received from Ports of Arrival, and which are followed up in respect to non-vaccinated travellers or those whose vaccinations were out of time.

A number of notifications are also now received from the County Health Authority of long-stay immigrants arriving in this country with a Hertford destination. These are all followed up as recommended by the Department of Health in their Memorandum to Local Authorities.

During the year, signatures of Doctors were authenticated in the prescribed form on 579 International Certificates of Vaccination, almost exactly the same number as for 1970 and 1971. The authentications by this department are in respect to the signatures of doctors practising in this area and which are known to the department - the purpose of this being to provide proof to those health authorities overseas who require it, that the signature of the person issuing the Certificate is that of a registered Medical Practitioner.

National Assistant Act, 1948

Although a few informal visits were made under Section 47 of the Act in relation to persons in need of care and attention, fortunately no official follow-up action was required to be made, nor was action required under Section 50 with regard to the Council's residual duty of arranging for burials where no other suitable arrangements were being made.

Dirty or Verminous premises

Occasional requests for advice on particular problems are still received, though the availability and use of residual insecticides has rendered the verminous house almost non-existent. The problem of the dirty house however still exists, mainly in the aged living alone, and these fortunately can be overcome with the assistance of the County Health Services. In this type of case, by agreement, removal and destruction of effects or household goods has also been undertaken.

Household and Garden Pests, Fly nuisances etc.

The number of requests for advice and assistance in the treatment and control of general household and garden pests has continued to increase over the past few years. These relate mainly where the garden pests invade dwellings and so become a nuisance in the home - this happening more frequently on the new estates recently developed. With the variety of insects encountered in this way, the assistance of the Ministry's Infestation Control Division in the identification of specimens and advice on control measures has been much appreciated.

Litter

The occasional litter-dumping along road verges in the more rural parts of the town has been minimised by the Council's free collection of disused articles of a household nature, this being separate from the weekly refuse collection and mainly concerns more bulky articles such as mattresses, bedsteads and furniture. There are some 700 of these collections every year.

This Act, coming into force during the year, made it a punishable offence to deposit any poisonous, noxious or polluting waste on land in circumstances in which it might cause danger to persons or animals or might pollute any water supply. A notification procedure introduced under the Act requires prior information to be given to local authorities and river authorities about the nature and quantities of certain waste matters which have accumulated and are being collected from premises in one area and are being disposed of at other premises in the same or another area, all authorities concerned having to be notified.

The operation of the Act has presented no particular difficulties within the Borough, the deciding factor being that there are no refuse disposal sites or affected processing plants in this district. The Borough is therefore an 'exporting' area, the majority of the notifications received being in respect to waste oil or waste from the local tar works. Removals have been carried out by three Waste Removal Firms normally operating in this area.

Movable Dwellings, Caravans

There are only two operative Site Licences within the Borough both being in respect to individual caravans on separate sites. Of these, one is for the constant supervision of an adjoining road surfacing plant, occupation of which is limited to the summer months during the time the plant is in operation, and the second is for the housing of an employee required to be permanently in one particular area in connection with the maintenance of water levels and operation of sluice gates at the site.

There is one holiday camping-caravan site within the Borough, this site belonging to and controlled by an organisation holding a Certificate of the Department of Health, and who, by reason of their own camping rules, are exempt from the similar provisions of the Hertfordshire County Council Act and of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

The occasional use of residential caravans in connection with building or other operations does occur within the Borough, though not to a large extent - this use being exempt from the normal provisions of the Act.

There are no Gipsy Settlements or gipsies temporary or overnight parking areas either in regular or occasional use which are situate within the Borough boundary.

Employment Agencies

There is only one Employment Agency within the Borough, this catering for Office, Shop and Domestic Staff - the conduct and management of the Agency being in accordance with Part V of the County Council Act.

Hertfordshire (Music and Dancing) Regulations

Existing Licences in respect of the 18 premises within the Borough were renewed by the County Council for the year 1971. All premises satisfy the Code of Practice adopted by the Borough Council having regard to the use of the premises as set out in Regulation 5. Routine visits continue to be made to these premises which include Halls and Clubs - 17, and Cinema - 1. There are now no Licensed Premises remaining on the register in respect of Music Licences.

Agricultural Premises

Although the provisions of the Agricultural (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act are in the main the concern of Inspectors appointed directly by the Ministry, it is the responsibility of the local sanitary authority to secure maintenance and cleanliness of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences at agricultural units, regard being had to the number and sex of the workers employed, the location and duration of their work and all other relevant circumstances.

The Borough being urban in character, it follows that the number of "agricultural units" to which the Act applies is limited. The sanitary accommodation available to the workers at the three farms with a majority of their area within the Borough would appear to be suitable and sufficient bearing in mind the provisions of Sec. 3 (3).

With regard to the smaller units, small holdings, market gardens, etc., these are generally provided with some form of sanitary accommodation on or reasonably available to the site, though a number of these are not subject to the Act being family concerns where no outside staff are employed.

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act and Regulations

Although within the Borough there are no Licensed Premises under the Act, there has been for many years one Registration in respect to a factory concerned with Upholstery, Carpet Repairs, etc., No work under the Rag Flock Act was however undertaken during 1972, and by the end of the year the use of the premises as such had been discontinued.

There are no other premises within the Borough where works of such other kinds as are prescribed in the Act are undertaken.

The main purpose of these Acts is the enforcement of the Protection of Animals Acts in their application to Animal Boarding Establishments, Pet Shops, and Riding Establishments. In similar terms under these Acts, Conditions are specified in Licences issued in order to secure suitable and sufficient accommodation, an adequate supply of food and drink, reasonable precautions against spread of infectious diseases, and appropriate fire precautions etc.

Normal routine visits were made to all three premises concerned during the year, and the required conditions found to be observed.

Pet Animals Act - The existing licence in respect to the one Pet Shop in the Borough was renewed at the commencement of the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act - There are two Licences operative in the Borough, one being a straight-forward licence in respect to Boarding Kennels, the other being in respect to the occasional boarding of animals ancillary to a Veterinary Practice, this being in addition to those animals accommodated for treatment or other purposes connected with the practice.

Riding Establishments Act - With the publishing of the 1971 Census figures giving Hertford a population of over 20,000, the administration of the Act automatically passed from the Herts County Council to the Borough Council. There are at present no Registered premises within the Borough, one previously on the register having discontinued as such.

CONSUMER PROTECTION ACTS

Oil Heaters Regulations, 1962 - 1966
Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Regulations, 1953

Although only very few visits are made specifically under the Consumer Protection Act 1961, the requirements of the above regulations are borne in mind when visits are made for other purposes to premises where portable heaters are on sale. All oil heaters seen, either on sale, display or in store, were found to be marked as complying with the British Standard 3300, this standard being the one on which the 1962 Regulations are based. With regards to portable heaters generally, the Regulations covering the construction and suitability of the fitted guards are being observed.

Motor Cycles (Protection Helmets) Regulations, 1957

Although these Regulations are by agreement enforced by the Herts. County Council, occasional checks are made to see if helmets are marked as complying with the appropriate British Standards.

FOOD AND DRUGSFood Premises

The total number of food shops and other premises dealing with foodstuffs is 151. This number is made up as follows, the separate premises being included under the main trade being carried on:-

Grocers and Provision Merchants (including small general shops retailing groceries)	22
Bakehouses	5
Bakers and Cake Shops	5
Fishmongers (wet fish)	1
Fried Fish Shops	2
Butchers Shops	11
Sweet Shops	8
Greengrocers (including 1 wholesale premises)	7
Cafes and Restaurants	11
Hotels and Licensed Premises serving meals	9
Public Houses	28
Wine Shops and Off Licences	5
Residential Institutional Kitchens	7
School and Industrial Canteens	22
Clubs	3
Vegetarian Foodshop	1
Chemists, pharmaceutical	4

The above food premises are five less than for 1970 - one grocers, two Public Houses, one wine shop, and two sweet shops discontinuing as such, but with the addition of one greengrocer.

Inspections and general visits to food premises continue to take up much time, though no special difficulties have arisen which have not been put in order with the co-operation of the trades-people themselves. The various requirements relating to the premises, to the food handlers, and to the handling of food, are generally being observed.

Unfortunately it was not possible to augment the department's work under the food regulations by holding a food hygiene course for staff engaged in catering or of other staff normally required to handle foodstuffs.

Total Number of Food Premises in the Borough	151
Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 18 relating to the provision of hand-washing facilities	all
Number of premises to which Regulation 21 relating to the provision of facilities for washing food and equipment applies (premises where open food is handled)	146
Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 21	146

Registered Food Premises (Section 16)

(a) Sale and Storage for Sale of Ice Cream	44
Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream	nil
(b) Preparation or Manufacture of Sausages etc.	9
Preparation or Manufacture of Preserved Food	3

There were practically no changes in the registered premises - three of the premises selling Ice cream discontinued during the year.

Ice Cream

All the 39 samples of ice cream submitted to the laboratory were reported as being in Grade I.

Inspection of Foodstuffs

Although some requests from traders are still received for the examination of suspect foodstuffs, the normal trade practice is usually followed of returning suspect or unsound food through trade channels. The **actual** amount of unsound foodstuffs dealt with by the department during 1972 was minimal, these foods being surrendered and disposed of by burial under supervision at the refuse tip.

In addition to the above, requests are also received in relation to frozen foods, generally after refrigeration breakdowns when the foodstuffs have thawed-out and they are no longer saleable as frozen foods. In amount slightly more than for 1971, there were some 600 assorted packets weighing some 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., which were withdrawn from sale and surrendered for destruction, appropriate certificates covering these foodstuffs being issued.

HOUSING PROGRESS

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Progress during 1972New Dwellings erected

	<u>During</u>	<u>Since</u>
	<u>1972</u>	<u>1945</u>

Private Enterprise

New Dwellings erected during 1972 (total since 1945 includes war destroyed or damaged rebuilt or repaired)	43	(1,808)
.. .. erected by Housing Associations	-	(18)
.. .. Under construction at end of year		176

Hertford Borough Council

New Dwellings erected by the Council	0	(1,696)
.. .. . for sale	-	(51)
.. ..(Temporary prefabricated bungalows) all of the 50 originally erected have since been demolished	-	-
.. .. under construction at end of year		62

Other Authorities (County Council, Military, etc.)

New Dwellings erected during 1972	3	(87)
.. .. Under construction at end of year		0

Total new dwellings erected during 1972

.. .. Under construction at end of year	<u>46</u>	
.. .. completed between 1945 and 31.12.72		<u>238</u>
		<u>3,660</u>

Total occupied dwellings Controlled by the Borough Council

Council Houses		2,239
Temporary Prefabricated Bungalows		-
Sundry Cottages and Dwellings		17

Sale of Council Houses

	1972	64
Total since	1945	85

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TABLE A - Registrations and General Inspections

	No. of premises newly Registered during the year	Total number of Registered Premises at end of year.	No. of Registered Premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
Offices	6	101	33
Retail Shops	3	143	50
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	8	3
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	1	21	20
Fuel Storage Depots ..	-	-	-
Totals	11	273	106

TABLE B - Number of Visits of all kinds (including
General Inspections) to Registered Premises

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TABLE C - Analysis by Workplace of Persons Employed in Registered Premises

Class of Workplace (as at 31.12.1972)	Numbers of persons employed in each Class of Registered Premises (Number of Registered Premises in each class shown in brackets)					
	Offices (101)	Retail Shops (143)	Wholesale Shops/ Warehouses (8)	Catering Estabs/ Canteens (21)	Fuel Depots (0)	Total all Classes (273)
Offices	892	32	16	6	-	946
Retail Shops	15	623	3	2	-	643
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses.	34	11	30	-	-	75
Catering Establishments open to the Public	-	-	-	129	-	129
Canteens	5	2	-	-	-	7
Fuel Storage Depots ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS of persons employed in each class of premises.	946	668	49	137	0	1,800
Total Males	448	243	38	64	0	793
Total Females	498	425	11	73	0	1,007

Changes in Registration and Numbers Employed since original Registration

Registered Premises or Class of Workplace	Registration Changes			Employment Changes		
	Original Registrations as at 31.12.1964	Change	Registrations as at 31.12.1972	Employment as at Registration 31.12.1964	Change	Numbers employed as at 31.12.1972
Offices	77	+ 24	101	563	+ 383	946
Retail Shops	153	- 10	143	722	- 79	643
Wholesale Depts/Warehouses	4	+ 4	8	35	+ 40	75
Catering Establs. (Public))	22	- 1	21	134	- 5	129
Canteens)				2	+ 5	7
Fuel Storage Depots ..	1	- 1	0	5	- 5	0
Totals	257	+ 16	273	1,461	+ 339	1,800
Males				639	+ 154	793
Females				822	+ 185	1,007

TABLE D - Exemptions

Space Temperature (All Classes)	No Applications Received or Granted
Washing Facilities (of Premises)	No Exemptions current at 31.12.1972

Sanitary Accommodation - Offices - Exemptions Granted or Extended	Nil
Exemptions Current at 31.12.1972	One
- All other Classes - No Applications Received or Granted	
No Exemptions current at 31.12.1972	

TABLE E - Prosecutions

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in 1972	- Nil
Number of complaints (or summary applications) made under Sec. 22	- Nil
Number of Interim Orders granted	- Nil

TABLE F - Inspectors

Number of Inspectors appointed under Sec. 52(1) or (5) of the Act	- Two
Number of other staff mostly employed in connection with the Act	- Nil

Notification of Accidents - Only four Notifications of Accidents, all minor ones, were received during 1972, three from Retail Shop Premises and one from a Catering Establishment. These can be summarised as two cut fingers and as a result of falls, a sprained ankle and a fractured wrist. There were no infringements of the Act as contributory causes.

SECTION E

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PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961 in respect of the year 1972 for the BOROUGH OF HERTFORD

PART I of the Act

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	148	49	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers' premises)	6	4	-	-
Total	157	55	-	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (Section 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (Sec. 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (Sec. 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors(S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (Section 7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Intervening ventilated space	2	2	-	2	-
(e) Lighting of convenience	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not incl. offences relating to Outsork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	3	-	2	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	Number of out-workers in August List required by Sec. 133(1)(c) (2)	Number of cases of default in sending Lists to the Council (3)	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply Lists (4)	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing Apparel ; - Making etc.	nil *	-	-	-	-	-
Other specified Natures of Work (Circ. 1/73) -						
Wearing Apparel, -Cleaning and Washing; Household Linen; Lace, Lace Curtains and Nets; Curtains and Furniture Hangings; Furniture and Upholstery; Electro-plate; File Making; Brass and Brass Articles; Fur Pulling; Iron and Steel Cables and Chains; Anchors and Grapnels; Umbrellas, etc; Artificial Flowers; Tents; Sacks; Paper Bags; Brush Making; Pea Picking; Feather Sorting; Carding etc. of Buttons etc.; Stuffed Toys; Basket Making; Chocolate & Sweetmeats; Cosaques, Christmas Stockings, etc.; Textile Weaving; Lampshades.	nil	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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There are at present no firms within the Borough employing out-workers. The one large employing firm, a long established family concern previously employing between one and two hundred out-workers, closed during 1971 when production was transferred to the west country.

From inward notifications received, there are eight persons in the Borough receiving work from factories situate outside the town in the areas of four other local authorities.

During the year a visit was made to all of the eight outworkers whose dwellings are within the Borough

Official notifications were received from H. M. Inspector of Factories in respect to registration changes at 18 factories.

